

# Columbus Was Ridiculed

But He Had Faith and Courage

# SO HAVE WE

Some geologists say there is no oil in Prince Georges County, Maryland. Others who believe they know as much, and we believe they know more, say they believe there is oil in Prince Georges County, Maryland, and that it is on our leases located about 3 1/2 miles from the District line.

We are spending money to prove one of two things: Either there is or there is not oil in commercial quantities in Prince Georges County, Maryland, and our well will soon be drilling on the land selected by geologists as the place to drill.

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oftentimes is not of a unanimous opinion. So the opinion of one geologist is as good as another. Many people who speculate on the Stock, Cotton, Grain and Coffee Exchanges both make and lose money and offer no comment either way. Your money invested in the stock of the Potomac Oil and Gas Company, Inc., will help toward bringing about, in double quick time, what every one will be glad to know, and that is

## THERE IS OR IS NOT OIL

on our leases in Prince Georges County, Maryland. When we strike oil, as we sincerely believe we will, what will the skeptics, the "I-don't-believes," "it-can't-be's," the "never-has-been-done-before's," et al., say? Why bless your dear heart you won't even be able to find them. On the other hand, our shareholders will have done something for Prince Georges County, Maryland, for Washington—aye, for mankind in general, and

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Because there is a world-wide oil shortage, which is a menace to our national progress, the

## U. S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

urges the immediate development of new oil fields and warns that production must be rapidly increased. That is just what the Potomac Oil and Gas Company is undertaking to do, out on the old Bowie Farm in Prince Georges County, Maryland, only 3 1/2 miles from the District line. Men and machinery are on the ground busily engaged preparing to begin actual drilling in a very short time. Soon the derrick will be up and then the music of the rotary drill will keep time with the sweet songs of the bluebird, oriole and robin.

Our money and our energies are directed to developing this virgin oil field, as we see it and believe it to be, and we have every expectation of our operations being successful. In fact, it is our opinion we have the

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## BANKS REPORT BIG EXPANSION

Past Six-Year Growth Overshadows Entire Previous Period.

John Skelton Williams, Comptroller of the Currency, has issued the following statement on national bank conditions throughout the country:

"The national banks of the country held on December 31, 1919, according to the official figures just compiled, resources of \$22,711,375,000, exceeding by \$94,353,000 the greatest amount ever previously reported. The increase in resources December 31, 1919, as compared with December 31, 1918, was \$2,469,151,000.

"As the total resources of all national banks at the time of the call of January 13, 1914, amounted to \$1,296,355,000, there has been an increase since that date of \$11,415,020,000, or more than 101 per cent.

"The national banks have therefore grown more in the past six years than in the entire period of fifty-one years from the inauguration of the national banking system in 1863 up to January 13, 1914.

Cash on Hand.  
"The total cash on hand and due from Federal Reserve banks December 31, 1919 (including lawful reserve and items with the reserve banks in process of collection) amounted to \$2,277,312,000 (of which \$698,605,000 was cash in vault), being an increase in the total, as compared with November 17, 1919, of \$85,857,000, and an increase as compared with December 31, 1918, of \$288,702,000.

Loans and Discounts.  
"Loans and discounts (exclusive of rediscounts) on December 31, 1919, amounted to \$11,786,227,000, an increase as compared with November 17, 1919, of \$225,985,000, and an increase over December 31, 1918, of \$1,567,923,000. The proportion of loans and discounts to deposits on December 31, 1919, was 65.97 per cent, as compared with 64.31 per cent on December 31, 1918.

Government and Other Bonds.  
"United States government securities held December 31, 1919, aggregated \$2,724,933,000, of which approximately \$700,000,000 were old United States bonds deposited to secure circulation—the balance was represented by United States liberty bonds and other securities. The total reduction in the holding of government securities as compared with November 17, 1919, was \$158,388,000, and the reduction as compared with December 31, 1918, was \$222,901,000—despite the fact that the Victory loan of \$4,500,000,000 was floated during the year and largely subscribed for through national banks.

Other bonds, securities, etc., held by national banks on December 31, 1919, amounted to \$1,874,023,000—an increase over November 17, 1919, of \$3,925,000, and an increase over December 31, 1918, of \$190,957,000.

Circulation and Surplus.  
"Circulation of national banks December 31, 1919, was \$685,769,000—an increase over November 17, 1919, of \$4,890,000, and an increase over December 31, 1918, of \$5,942,000.

Capital, surplus and undivided profits of all national banks December 31, 1919, amounted to \$2,456,301,000, an increase over December 31, 1918, of \$122,688,000.

Bills Payable.  
"Bills payable of national banks December 31, 1919, amounted to \$938,311,000—a reduction as compared with November 17, 1919, of \$122,844,000, but an increase as compared with December 31, 1918, of \$57,482,000.

Their rediscounts, which on December 31, 1919, amounted to \$973,499,000, represent an increase over November 17, 1919, of \$292,023,000, and an increase over December 31, 1918, of \$471,492,000. The borrowings and rediscounts of national banks are largely the result of their holdings of and loans upon United States government war issues—principally Liberty bonds, Victory notes and certificates of indebtedness.

Reserve.  
"The lawful reserve carried with Federal Reserve banks amounted, on December 31, 1919, to \$1,312,112,000, which was \$101,029,000 in excess of the amount required. The total reserve carried on December 31, 1919, showed an increase of \$49,772,000 over November 17, 1919, and an advance of \$121,949,000, as compared with December 31, 1918.

The reserve carried December 31, 1919, by the national banks was in excess of the amount required by law in each of the twelve Federal Reserve districts. The excess of legal reserve on December 31, 1919, was the largest reported at any call since June 30, 1919.

## MORE PAY ASKED FOR COURT OFFICIALS

Judges John P. McMahon and Robert Hardison, of the police court, appeared before the Appropriations Committee of the House yesterday and asked for increases in salary for the officials of the courts over which they preside.

The judges explained the methods of conducting the courts and the manifold duties of the attaches, and asked for the proposed increases as a matter of "sheer equity."

Station Chiefs Can Settle Minor Damages by Planes

Claims for damages by army aircraft up to \$250 may be settled by the commanding officer of the aircraft to which the plane was attached, according to instructions just issued by the Secretary of War.

Claims above this must be referred to the Director of Air Service, together with reports of investigations and the findings of the board of investigation.

## D. C. KIWANIS ARE PRAISED

Salvation Army Officials Thank Business Men for New Headquarters.

"Salvation Army" Day was observed by the Kiwanis Club yesterday. The feature of its weekly luncheon at the Washington Hotel was the announcement of the purchase of the Civil Service Building at Eighth and E streets by the Salvation Army for use as one of the army's headquarters.

Col. Richard E. Holz, commander of the Atlantic Coast Province of the Salvation Army, made the announcement in the course of an address of appreciation for the help given to the cause by Washington and its business men, which he said, enabled the purchase of the building at a figure approximating \$109,000. He was introduced by Earl Godwin.

Honor Guests at Club.  
Lieut. Col. W. S. Barker, who was in charge of all Salvation Army work in France, and Col. Edward J. Parker, head of the social service department, were honor guests of the club.

Col. Holz explained that the building will be remodeled into a modern hotel, recreation and religious center for the accommodation of women employed in government departments and others in need of aid.

Henry B. F. Macfarland and E. C. Snyder, guests of the club, praised the work of the Salvation Army.

Elect "Popular" Members.  
The "most popular members" were elected, as follows: Dr. W. H. Littlepage, George P. Mangan, Charles M. Osborne, William H. Warner and Frank P. Wilcox. Popular guests were Martin F. West and Commander Elmer Johnson, of the Salvation Army.

John J. Hoobar, president of the club, was authorized to appoint a special committee to erect three large signboards on the outskirts of State roads leading into Washington, flashing a welcome to visiting Kiwanians. It was provided that the signs should be large enough to be read by motorists going at a fair rate of speed.

## "NIGHTIES" POPULAR AGAIN WITH WOMEN

Chicago, March 11.—Silk "undies," now the rage in this country, are slated for the scrap heap. In their place will come assortments of linen-made varieties, trimmed with fine hand-made lace, according to Mme. Valentine Frere, Brussels modiste, here today.

Madame Frere predicted the doom of pajamas for women and the return to the old-fashioned nighties. "Camisoles and their relatives will not be reduced to a simple plainness. A dash of excitement is to be added by lopping brightly colored baby ribbons through the upper and lower parts of the garment."

Mme. Frere declared prices for the new styles in lingerie will range from \$1 to \$150, according to the lace embroidery.

## Sued by Girl He Jilted Just Before His Wedding

Bloomfield, N. J., March 11.—Mr. and Mrs. Irving Silfkin were on their honeymoon today just as happy as if Irving wasn't at liberty on \$5,000 bail, following his arrest on charge of breach of promise.

The court action started by Miss Anna E. McGlynn, of Bloomfield, came near causing the present Mrs. Silfkin, nee Lillian Cohn, Birmingham, Ala., to be in the position of the bride left "waiting at the church."

Just before the time set for the Silfkin-Cohn nuptials last night Miss McGlynn caused Silfkin's arrest. She said the haberdasher promised to marry her June 1, 1917. She asked \$20,000 heart balm for his failure to do so.

## 1921 Army Training Cost Estimated 99 Millions

Estimates of the cost of universal military training as provided in the War Department bill were announced last night by the War Department.

For a quota of 250,000 men in 1921 it would cost \$99,824,798; 400,000 men in 1922 would cost \$112,452,190; for 450,000 men in 1923, \$127,236,600 and for 465,000 men in 1924, 1925 and 1926 would cost the government \$131,357,820 each year.

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## The Young Lady Across the Way



We asked the young lady across the way whom her father considered the logical candidate and she said he wasn't interested in third parties and would vote the regular ticket.

## STEEN CLEARED OF SHOOTING

Jury Acquits Man Charged With Wounding Companion in "Crap Game."

A tiny pair of dice without "sevens" on them, three pistols, three bullet wounds and \$7 figured in Criminal Court yesterday when Alexander H. Steen, colored, was cleared of a charge of shooting William H. Shields.

A "crap game" was alleged to have occurred last month in a house on C street southwest. According to evidence presented at the trial, Steen was drawn in on the game by companions who intended "skinning" him.

The dice without the "sevens" were used, he said, and when the game was ended he was shy \$7. He then demanded that Shields give him back his money. He objected to the "crooked" dice.

## MRS. J. H. TAYLOR LEFT \$500 BY FRIEND'S WILL

Mrs. J. H. Taylor, of Tuxedo, Md., a friend of Mrs. Blanche Anderson, who died February 27, is bequeathed \$500 by Mrs. Anderson's will, filed for probate yesterday.

Charles S. Smith and Miss Mary E. Smith, children of Mrs. Maria E. Smith, who died February 18, are to divide eighty-five shares of stock in the Phoenix Fire Insurance Company. The balance goes to her husband, William H. Smith.

## Governor Allen Predicts Kansas Will Back Wood

Boston, March 11.—Gov. Henry Allen, of Kansas, declared today he will not seek the nomination for President, but will continue to urge the candidacy of Gen. Leonard Wood.

## \$150,000 Fire at Winston-Salem.

Winston-Salem, N. C., March 11.—Fire this morning gutted the interior of the S. H. Kross & Co. store, entailing a loss of \$150,000 to stock and building. Neither was insured.

## TEACHERS MAY REVEAL VIEWS

Opening of Institute Today To Disclose Attitude Toward Thurston.

Superintendent of Schools Ernest L. Thurston will face all white public school teachers in the District this morning when he presides at the opening session of the second Teachers' Institute in the auditorium of Central High School. It is expected that the attitude of teachers in the present school controversy will be made known this morning.

Many outsiders will attend the session this morning in the hope of seeing a demonstration by which the stand of teachers in the Thurston-Van Schalk controversy may be gauged.

The High School Teachers' Union and the Grade Teachers' Union, together with other teachers' organizations, have consistently refused to commit themselves on this subject, realizing that such action would probably be fatal to efforts aiming to get higher salaries. However, it is certain that teachers will not hesitate to partake in a general demonstration such as may occur today.

School children will enjoy a holiday today because of the absence of their teachers. Colored teachers will meet in the Miner Normal School. Both white and colored sessions will begin at 9:30 and are due to close about 3:30 this afternoon. National educators will speak.

## Business Interests Will Back Trade Appropriations

Commercial forces in all parts of the country are ready to meet any opposition in the Senate to the Department of Commerce estimates for funds with which to promote foreign trade of the country during the next fiscal year. It is expected there will be opposition in the Senate as there was in the House to the appropriations for this purpose.

The Chamber of Commerce of the United States has sent out a letter to all its member organizations urging them to stand by for the Senate opposition and give full weight of their power as they did in the House.

## Governor of Tasmania Weds.

San Francisco, Cal., March 11.—Sir William Lamond Allardye, governor of Tasmania, announced today that he and his bride, formerly Mrs. Elsie Goodfellow, of New Orleans, will sail for Australia March 16. They were married here yesterday.

## \$53,520 ASKED FOR TEACHERS

District Commissioners Request Congress for Funds To Pay Salaries.

Request for immediate allowance of \$53,520 for salaries of fifty-five school teachers, recently appointed, was made on Congress yesterday by the District Commissioners.

In a letter to the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitted to Congress, they stipulated that the money is to be used to pay additional teachers, as follows: Twenty-five at \$1,600, five at \$1,000, thirteen at \$800 and twelve at \$650.

The Commissioners also asked for \$5,000 to employ expert service for incidental expenses of the newly created zoning commission.

## THREE DAYS LEFT TO FILE INCOMES

The rush of people to the two income tax offices yesterday was an increase of many of the very large crowds which have appeared there during the past few days. Only three more days remain in which to file returns in order to escape a fine of \$1,000 and a tax of 25 per cent on the taxable income.

The offices are located at Pennsylvania avenue and Madison place, Treasury Annex No. 1, and at 1418 H street northwest, where a force of clerks is on hand to help fill out the blanks and figure up the taxes.

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